

## Interns approved at senate meeting

Senators discuss Union's misuse of funds, privilege fee

Danny Davis  
senior staff writer

Out of 69 applications for Student Senate Intern, 25 were approved at last night's Student Senate meeting. The interns will serve for the 2010-11 senate term.

The intern program helps students who are new to Student Senate become familiar with the processes and legislative system. Pete Fey, senator, serves as this year's intern coordinator.

After the new interns were sworn in, they spoke briefly about themselves and their studies at K-State. The resolution approving the interns was passed with unanimous consent.

Matt James, senator, introduced six bills at the meeting. Due to the lengthy nature of the legislation, a motion was made for him to summarize the bills.

Three of the bills were designed to correct the privilege fee review dates for three campus organizations. The original privilege fee contracts for Bramlage Coliseum, Fine Arts and Student Publications, Inc., were either inaccurate or omitted in the original bills.

Two of the original bills were passed during the 2008-2009 term and one passed during the 2009-2010 term.

Also at the meeting, three amendments to the K-State Student Governing Association Statutes were introduced. The first amendment was to the Union Repair and Replacement Privilege Fee Agreement.

"All privilege fee agencies are audited on three-year cycles," James said. "The audit noted that the K-State Student Union purchased a van out of their Repair and Replacement account."

According to the bill, the purchase of the van violated the

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## K-State removed from top 25 list

Incorrect data credited university for exclusivity

Collegian Staff

Harvard, Cornell, NYU ... K-State?

A recent Kaplan/Newsweek 2010 ranking of the nation's most desirable large schools placed K-State in the top 25 due to the university's exclusivity and selectivity in choosing which undergraduate student applications to accept and which to deny.

The ranking took K-State by storm and at first glance, seemed quite impressive, but was based on flawed data. The school's planning and analysis office incorrectly reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System that K-State accepted 56 percent of applicants to the university. This number is actually 98 percent.

"It's certainly unfortunate this error happened, but it was a mistake and we don't want any recognition that we don't deserve," said Cheryl May, associate vice president for communications and marketing.

The original number reported to Newsweek was not the university's acceptance rate, but the percentage of students that are accepted to the school and decide to attend.

May said a university employee misunderstood which percentage the federal database was requesting, and instead gave the percentage of students who, after acceptance, enrolled in the university.

"The moment we can update and fix it, we will," May said.

In a statement on the university's website, May cited the data system as giving out the

incorrect data that was later issued to the National Center for Education Statistics to rank K-State.

The guide, "Finding the Right College for You," ranks K-State 16th among the 25 Most Desirable Large Schools in the nation.

The Lawrence Journal World reported yesterday that researcher Courtney Kennedy ran the data again, using corrected information, and found K-State would have been knocked out of the top 25. Kennedy was a member of the team that helped compile the ranking.

The faulty acceptance rate reported in the Kaplan/Newsweek rankings was based on data issued by the National Center on Education Statistics, which collects data directly from universities.

According to Newsweek's website, the Kaplan/Newsweek ranking is based on standardized test scores, awards, scholarships for academic achievements, opinion polls and admissions statistics.

Newsweek considered 11 criteria, including campus dining, housing and climate when putting together the list. The most weight was given to admission rates, graduation rates, test scores and endowment.

K-State's ranking on the list placed it in the company of Ivy League schools like Harvard and Cornell. Harvard boasted an admissions rate of 7.1 percent in 2008.

Katherine Barna, a publicist for Newsweek, said in a statement that the rankings used the most recent data available at the time, which were from 2008. Newsweek plans to review all of its sources for future university evaluations.

## Newsweek

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## Superstitions linked to feelings of helplessness, personality traits

Undergraduate research project examines the function of superstition

Sam Diederich  
staff writer

According to a recent undergraduate research study at K-State, individuals who routinely engage in superstitious behaviors are likely to have trouble making decisions and believe in fate and chance. In addition, they do not believe in the ability to control their own life, and this can often cause unhappiness.

Of course, hearing that superstitions can cause unhappiness probably inspires individuals to knock on wood or reach for a lucky rabbit's foot — just in case.

Scott Fluke, lead researcher and K-State alumnus in psychology, has always been interested in superstition, and after receiving a \$500 undergraduate research fellowship last year, he decided to further explore the subject.

"It was initially suggested to me by a friend of mine in a research methods class at K-State, and I looked into past research and found that there isn't much research on it," he said.

Fluke asked 200 volun-

teers to complete surveys that would measure their belief in good and bad luck, fate and chance. Those surveys were matched with personality tests, which allowed Fluke to identify connections between belief in superstition and certain personality traits.

"We were trying to get at if people were superstitious, not if they had particular superstitious beliefs," Fluke said. "We tried to understand what characteristics a superstitious person might have. People who are pessimistic tend to be superstitious. People who are not decisive tend to be superstitious. They use superstitions to gain a degree of control over their lives because they think that they have no control."

The study, completed with help from Donald Saucier, associate professor of psychology, and Russell Webster, graduate student in psychology, not only analyzed what personality traits are associated with superstitious behaviors, but also what situations cause a person to engage in those behaviors.

"People are more prone to behaving superstitiously when they are in situations of uncertainty," Fluke said. "For example, people will wear a 'lucky jersey' for a football game that is taking place 500

miles away."

The superstitions, Webster said, are a source of comfort.

"They decrease feelings of helplessness," Webster said. "One of the most general laws of human beings is that people like to be in control and they like prediction. Superstitions can help increase that feeling of control."

Wearing a certain jersey to an athletic event or a lucky tie to a job interview might seem harmless, but in certain contexts, the behavior could be unhealthy.

"When a superstition replaces an actual proactive behavior that could control the outcome, it could become an issue," Saucier said. "Wearing a lucky shirt instead of studying for an exam will not be as beneficial as spending a couple of hours with notes. When it replaces helpful behaviors, it can become a problem."

Despite the comfort superstitions may provide, Fluke found individuals do not always adhere to them. When faced with a situation that has no room for uncertainty, people no longer need the psychological safety net of superstitions.

"When situations become hopeless, we no longer feel

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## K-State celebrates Constitution

Panel of Kansas Court of Appeals judges discusses diversity

Matthew Finley  
junior staff reporter

As the United States celebrates Constitution Day today, a warning from James Madison is fitting: "A well-instructed people alone can be a permanently free people."

Throughout the week, several K-State clubs and organizations joined together to instruct citizens about the Constitution, the document that legally secures their basic rights and privileges.

The activities started Wednesday afternoon with an informational booth in the K-State Student Union, put on by the Union Program Council. Volunteers, standing in front of patriotic bunting and pictures of George Washington, handed out buttons, free constitutions and citizenship tests to students.

On Wednesday night, a judicial panel discussed judicial diversity in Kansas for a crowd of about 100. David Procter, director for the Center for Engagement and Community Development and the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy, moderated the discussion among Suzanne Valdez, clinical associate professor at the University of Kansas, and Kansas judges Richard Greene, Henry Green Jr. and Melissa Stan-



Judge Henry Green Jr. discusses an appeal from Reno County District Court regarding Fourth Amendment rights yesterday afternoon in Forum Hall.

Matt Binter  
Collegian

dridge.

The panel discussed the lack of representation of minority justices on district and appellate courts in Kansas, and what was necessary to inspire a more diverse judiciary reflective of the Kansas population.

"Only four of the 265 appellate and district judges are black, and another four are Hispanic," said Green Jr. in a later interview. This means only

three percent of the judiciary is composed of minorities, while minorities comprise 10 percent of Kansas' population.

The justices advocated a long-term "pipeline" solution, put forward by Standridge, based on offering programs to encourage minorities to consider a career as a judge beginning

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WEEKLY BLOTTER  
ARREST REPORTS

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Leona Alice Craven**, of Louisville, Ky., was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.  
  
**Robert Cory Falls**, of Chapman, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$250.  
  
**James Maurice Glacken**, of Junction City, was booked for robbery and aggravated burglary. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Eddie Delbert Senters**, of Junction City, was booked for robbery and aggravated burglary. Bond was set at \$10,000.  
  
**Nathaniel James Tibbetts**, of Ogden, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.  
  
**Tyler William Valenta**, of the 3300 block of Kensington Court, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**THURSDAY**  
**Amy Nicole Burkund**, of 2100 Sloan St., was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.  
  
**Brandon Julian Clark**, of Fort Riley, was booked for battery and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.  
  
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POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns  
staff reporter

WOMAN REPORTS  
SEXUAL BATTERY

A sexual battery was reported Wednesday evening in southeast Manhattan, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department. Lt. Herb Crosby of the RCPD said the woman, who is in her mid-40s, reported that the suspect, a man in his mid-50s, inappropriately touched her around 9:40 p.m. on Wednesday. The suspect was not an acquaintance of the woman, but the woman recognized the suspect, according to the report. Crosby said the woman had no injuries.

MEN'S BONDS SET AT  
\$10,000 EACH

Two men were arrested on suspicion of aggravated robbery, according to a police report. James Glacken, 24, and Eddie Senters, 35, are suspected of forcing their way into the house of both Kenneth Brandenburg, 29, and Michele Larue, 41, at about 3 p.m. The house is located in the 600 block of Tuttle St. Glacken is also suspected of beating up Brandenburg, according to the report. A cell phone, valued at \$50, was reported stolen, and Glacken and Senters are suspected of doing \$200 of damage to two of Brandenburg's tires and \$300 of damage to the door and doorframe of the house, police said. Brandenburg and Larue knew the men, Crosby said. Police arrested Glacken and Senters in Pottawatomie County after a description of their vehicle was issued, and each of their bonds are set at \$10,000.

MINORS SUSPECTED  
OF BURGLARIES

Three minors were arrested on suspicion of a string of burglaries that occurred on Saturday and Sunday, according to a police report. The burglaries occurred between 11 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. Sunday in the areas of Terry Way, Ella Lane and Seaton Avenue, Crosby said. According to the police report, multiple vehicles and a garage attached to a residence were burglarized. The three minors were booked on six counts of burglary, two counts of conspiracy, one count of theft and one count of obstruction of the legal process. Crosby said police recovered a number of miscellaneous items, and any residents who have possessions missing should check with police to see if their belongings have been recovered.

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# Sleeping for a cause in Bosco Plaza

Silver Key students raise awareness for homeless families

Kristen Rheinlander  
junior staff writer

Students might not always notice the temperature slowly dropping and the season shifting from summer to fall, but homeless families around Manhattan are all too aware of it. With the temperature hovering at about 60 degrees, members of Silver Key got a taste of what the homeless deal with nightly Thursday.

Silver Key, a sophomore honorary group, abandoned the comfort of their own beds last night to sleep outside in Bosco Student Plaza for the homeless.

Fifty students assembled to sleep-out in order to raise money and awareness for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. Students were sponsored by community members. Those who donated \$100 got their name put on the Silver Key banner.

"I am excited to sleep-out and put myself in the shoes of a homeless individual and experience what they experience, all while raising money for a great cause," said Madeline Saptya, sophomore in interior design and gerontology and first-year participant.

This expression of service echoed throughout Bosco Plaza, and students said the desire to raise awareness of the population of homeless individuals in Manhattan was one of the most important aspects of the night.

"I love to help in any way that I can to raise awareness for the homeless," said Charlie Hutchison, sophomore in sociology.

Hutchison said he thinks it is important to raise awareness of homeless families around the Manhattan area, especially around the holiday season.

All proceeds of the sleep-out will be donated to the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, which works to help the homeless in Manhattan get back on their feet and become self-sufficient members of society.



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**Taylor Svec**, sophomore in kinesiology; **Madeline Saptya**, sophomore in interior design and gerontology; and **Andrew Waldman**, sophomore in industrial engineering, support the Silver Key chapter's Sleepout for the Homeless at Bosco Student Plaza Thursday night.

from the community.

Mariah Charland, sophomore in pre-nursing and life sciences, said her favorite part of participating in the event was going around asking people for donations of canned goods and money to directly support the cause.

Those interested in donating can visit the shelter's website at [mesi.manhattanks.org](http://mesi.manhattanks.org).

# Ask Willie still taking questions as students' stress increases

Jason Strachman Miller  
editor-in-chief

With the fall semester in full swing, students are preparing for the first round of testing while under pressure from assignments, tests, Saturday football games and other campus activities.

This is a typical occurrence that marks the end of the first month back at K-State.

K-State's Healthy Decisions continues to offer Ask Willie, an online help service, to help students deal with university or personal issues during this time of transition.

"It's been successful — we weren't really sure what to expect," said Bill Harlan, assistant coordinator of student activities. "It's always been a goal of student life to have a convenient avenue for students to get help."

Harlan, who runs the program, said he measures the success of Ask Willie based on students the program has helped over the years.

Typically, Harlan handles two questions a day, but has identified familiar issues when the number of students seeking answers rises.

He said as the semester continues, the questions go from general requests for information to specific, assistance-based questions.

"You know the stress level is rising from the types of questions that come in," Harlan said. "More questions come in about 'When can I drop a class and still get a full refund' and getting help in courses."

Since the program launched in December 2008, Ask Willie has branched into the social networking world with a Twitter account.

Harlan said he tweets multiple times a week to inform students of repeatedly asked questions and to offer valuable information.

Harlan said the number of followers on Twitter is growing, and he welcomes any input students have on ways for the program to reach and benefit more students.

Ask Willie is not intended as a crisis or emergency hotline,

and students are directed to call emergency services if they require such assistance.

Students can either submit their questions online at the Ask Willie website or by texting or e-mailing [askwillie@k-state.edu](mailto:askwillie@k-state.edu).

"Working here doesn't mean I know all the answers," Harlan said. "I can forward students on or contact the offices directly to find out what the correct answer to give is."

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Are there any superstitions you believe in, and why?

"The black cat superstition is ridiculous."




**Leslie Barber**  
JUNIOR, MARKETING

"If your mirror breaks, and the black cat thing is creepy too."




**Sarah Batterson**  
FRESHMAN, LIFE SCIENCES

"No, but my stepdad believes you can't cut your fingernails on a Sunday, because it's an old Irish tradition."



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**Boone Ott**  
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"No, not really."




**Yosuke Michasita**  
JUNIOR, ARCHITECTURE

"The whole concept of superstition is ridiculous."




**Lauren Peterson**  
SENIOR, MARKETING

"If the penny's heads up, it's good luck; if not, flip it over for the next person."



**Blake Archer**  
JUNIOR, ARCHITECTURE

"I'm pretty into horoscopes."



**Alba Chacon**  
JUNIOR, ANIMAL SCIENCES

To read more about beliefs in superstition, see the story on Page 1.

# NOISE POLLUTION



Illustration by Ginger Pugh

## Screaming children should be banned from bars



Karen Ingram

Smoking used to be allowed in bars, but some people thought it violated their rights, so it was banned indoors. I can understand it being banned from movie theaters, airplanes, hospitals and restaurants, but a bar, whose sole purpose is to serve drugs? It makes no sense. No one goes to a bar to be healthy. But I understand times change, as do laws, so even though I think bars got a raw deal out of the arrangement, I don't think complaining is going to change it. Instead, I want to jump on the bandwagon. Smoking isn't the only thing that should be banned from bars. There are things going on in bars that are unjust and unfair to me as a

citizen, and like all American citizens, I feel sensitive when my rights are violated. One of the unfortunate consequences of the smoking ban in Manhattan is the presence of more children in bars. The only explanation I can come up with for why these seemingly average people would want to bring their children into a somewhat seedy locale, where alcoholics are slumped over the bar 30 feet from their table, is because bar food is cheaper than Applebee's. In this economy, it's kind of understandable. Kind of. The bad thing about this is I am subjected to the shrill voices, piercing screams, tantrums, stares and smells of these unruly offspring. Watching small children wander around my barstool with soggy, half-chewed food hanging out of their mouths, touching everything within reach is disgusting. Listening to their incessant babble is annoying. Their screams and tantrums are downright painful, and I don't just mean painful to watch — the noise causes me physical pain. If I sigh, roll my eyes or shoot

the parents dirty looks, however, I'm the bad guy. How dare I suggest their "most beautiful, precious child" is a pain in the rear? How dare I suggest their lax parenting skills are spoiling "precious" rotten? How dare I suggest they take the source of ear-bleeding pain outside until it shuts up? As it turns out, I'm not alone. According to a Sept. 9 article on *shine.yahoo.com*, entitled "Message to parents getting louder: No screaming babies allowed," a number of bars and restaurants around the country have begun banning screaming children. The same article references a poll by a fare comparison website called Skyscanner that states 60 percent of people traveling in an airplane would prefer families with children to be segregated to their own section. According to the article, nearly 20 percent of travelers said they want completely child-free flights. I don't blame them a bit. If people choose to become parents, then further refuse to quiet their disruptive child, why should I just have to sit there and take it? I'm a paying cus-

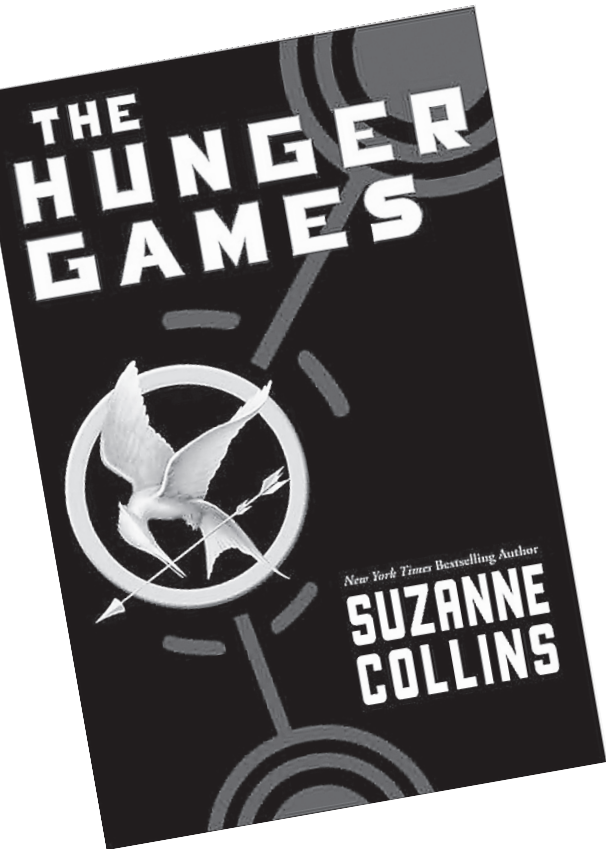
tommer, just like everybody else. If I'm trying to drink liquor at two in the afternoon on a Saturday and your child's screams are giving me a homicidal headache, I believe my rights are being violated. Screaming and non-screaming sections in bars don't work for the same reason smoking and non-smoking ones don't: I can still hear them (or, in the case of smoking, smell). Children, particularly screamers, should be banned from bars and at least 20 feet away from any doorway. I don't think it will be long before such a ban becomes plausible. As I recall, before smoking was banned completely, it would frequently be banned from bars until after a certain time of night. According to the above article, some restaurants are doing the same thing with children — no kids after 5 p.m. Not screaming children, mind you, but all children. Perhaps, in a not too distant, shiny future, I will be able to enjoy the bars child-free.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## "The Hunger Games" wastes students' time, corrupts young minds

I am a person who does not support mass reading "projects" unless it is an assignment requirement for a specific course. In my opinion, asking students to read a book based on the likes or dislikes of a university committee, which is obviously not a representative of the entire campus, is inappropriate. Since the friendly staff at the K-State Salina Resource Center reserved a copy of "The Hunger Games" for me, I decided to, at a very minimum, read the jacket information. I pulled the book from my backpack, read the first three chapters and immediately placed the book back in its resting place. I was not interested! After checking a few e-mails, I discovered that most people on Salina campus might be asked to read the book, so I retreated to my resting place and struggled, but finished the book that evening. I wasted the better part of my day reading something that was not college-level reading, was unethical and not appropriate for youngsters in their late teens in a world already filled with death and violence. After further review of my e-mails, it was suggested I involve students in discussions and waste valuable class time to discuss a book that very few had read. I took 30 seconds and polled each class and found that less than 10 percent of



my students had read any part of the book. That was my extent of classroom discussion. There are many obvious political overtones a reader can relate to while "getting through" this book, but it is done at a high risk of permanently scaring young minds. It is not worth it. I read a few reviews and noticed many responses by teenagers stating they

would volunteer for an Arena and the killings, even at the high risk of death. I associate the content of the book with that of many video games on the market and I also detest them. I am from the old school, a pacifist at heart, a flower child, a hippie if you like, and we sought out adventure in other ways, and I submit to you violence

and killing never crossed our minds. In the fall of 2010, in the Introduction to University Honors Program entry-level course, students were asked to read "Mountains Beyond Mountains." To the selection committee's credit, they passed on "The Hunger Games." When finishing "The Hunger Games," my first inclination was to burn the book, but I did not think the Resource Center would have appreciated that action. Others were on the wait list. In hindsight, I am thinking I should have bit the bullet, paid the price and lit the match. In closing, we have been asked to submit campus projects for the coming year. I see they are tearing down a number of buildings on the west side of the Salina campus. I am sure some zealous colleagues will submit a proposal to use the space for the construction of an arena. If it is approved, I would suggest we bypass the lottery system performed in "The Hunger Games" as I would be happy to assist in the selections of participants. At some point we have to reach a conclusion that killing is not a game! **Robert D. Homolka is a K-State professor in mathematics in Salina.**

## Note to readers from the opinion editor

Karen Ingram  
opinion editor

The international student showcase that normally runs on Fridays has been postponed due to lack of content. There are pending articles that will be available next week. If you are an international student interested in writing an opinion article for the Collegian, please contact Karen at [opinion@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@pub.ksu.edu).

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# Students blessed with great facilities



Ashley Dunkak

Manhattan is a great place to watch sports; we've got bars, we've got stadiums, and we've certainly got teams worth following. Even more than a great place to watch sports, however, Manhattan is a great place to be an athlete. When I say "athlete," I'm not talking just about Curtis Kelly or Carson Coffman or Caitlyn Donahue. At K-State, everyone has the opportunity to participate in a sport. Look at the Peters Recreation Center. It's open between 12 and 17 hours daily, depending on the day of the week. It has a track, treadmills, all kinds of weights and exercise machines, basketball courts and tons of free group fitness classes. And that's just inside the building. Outside is another basketball court, multiple tennis courts and racquetball courts. Best of all, all the facilities I mentioned are free for students. It's apparent K-State went above and beyond constructing these facilities. For example, the tennis courts have user-friendly lights, so students can use them at any time of day or night. As far as team activities, the Rec lists nearly 30 intramural sports and 30 sports clubs open to join. If that is not an opportunity to get involved, I don't know what is. For clubs, the long list includes everything from badminton to fishing to lacrosse to skydiving to taekwondo to water polo. Intramural activities need only short-term commitments, with events like miniature golf; punt, pass and kick; HORSE shootout; NCAA Football video games and more. Another cool place to work out is Memorial Stadium. The huge field presents possibilities for rugby, soccer, Ultimate and more. There's a track, and the stairs could serve as killer conditioning. The K-State Marching Band practices there, too. If neither of those appeal to you, Manhattan has big, wide, smooth sidewalks that go a long way. Run on them. The town is a fairly safe one, especially during the day, since a good percentage of Manhattan's 50,000 population is walking to class at any given time. We as K-State students are so fortunate to be at a university that has committed to providing opportunities for students to get involved in athletics. These teams and activities provide fun, friendships, and a chance to get in shape. That sounds like a pretty good combination to me.

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# PURPLE VS. RED

## K-State volleyball trucks to Texas Tech on Saturday

Sam Nearhood  
staff writer

Riding high on a momentous victory over Kansas on Wednesday, the K-State volleyball team plays tomorrow afternoon against Texas Tech in its second conference match. The Red Raiders (2-8, 0-1 Big 12 Conference) have had a sloppy season so far. With only two wins — both against small schools — Texas Tech is not faring well. Last Wednesday, the school hosted its conference opener at home and was swept by Missouri by close margins. It will have home-court advantage again tomorrow night, but K-State head coach Suzie Fritz was not too worried about that. "From a wins and loss perspective, we have not had an enormous amount of success on the road," Fritz said. "But I do think that we've also played a very, very aggressive schedule. If anything, they're well prepared for having to compete against good teams away from home." The Wildcats are coming off a four-game win over Kansas, when they made a comeback from 10 points down late in the fourth game. The coaches and team praised some of the games as among their best ever. But the real testament of a team's ability, Fritz said, is in repeating the performance consistently no matter where the match is played. "We have to be able to put together the same kind of effort and the same kind of execution on the road that we do at home," she said. "Really good teams are good on the road." Texas Tech is not without talent on its side. Junior middle blocker Amanda Dowdy leads her team with 3.65 kills per game, far above any of her teammates. Her main issue is stability; she is converting only three opportunities into points for every 20 she receives, a very low number for someone in her position. Only senior middle blocker Barbara Conceicao has much of a hitting percentage, at .281, but she only has 1.68 kills per game. Her real talent lies in blocking, with 1.21 blocks per set, enough for a spot in the top 10 in the league. But K-State can do a little better. Going into tomorrow's match, the Wildcats are in second place for average number of blocks per game in the Big 12. Nebraska is first, and Texas Tech is not far away in fourth. Two players contributed to the ranking, both middle blockers: freshman Kaitlynn Pelger and sophomore Alex Muff. Pelger is third in the conference with 1.33 blocks per game and one of only two freshmen in the top 10. Muff sits two down from her teammate in fifth with 1.29 blocks per game. Fritz said the difficult schedule should help her team to play at a higher level. "I feel like we're getting better with each opportunity to compete," she said. "I'm confident our team can continue to be successful if we focus on two things: if we focus on one match at a time, and if we focus on continuing to improve." First serve is set for noon in United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, Texas, and the match will be broadcast on KMAN 1350.



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Senior **JuliAnne Chisholm**, outside hitter, spikes the ball in the Sept. 15 game against KU. The Wildcats won in four sets and posted a season-high 57 kills, 15 of which came from Chisholm.

# Lone freshman has history of success with golf, teammates

Ashley Dunkak  
sports editor

As a three-time 5A state golf champion, freshman Gianna Misenhelter isn't exactly a rookie. After only a few weeks of practice with the Wildcats, and as the only freshman on the team, she qualified to travel to the first tournament of the season and finished 16th. An only child, Misenhelter said she likes the individuality of the sport. Her dad and uncle brought her on the golf cart with them when she was 3 years old. She played other sports growing up, but golf is one of the few she can enjoy in solitude, she said.

She also embraces the team aspect of the sport. "The closeness we get with the team — because there's not very many of us, just nine girls on the team, and there was 12 on my high school team — you become really close with this group of people," Misenhelter said. "It's sad when they go, and it's fun when new people come in, and I enjoy that." Even before her arrival at K-State, Misenhelter was familiar with some of her teammates. She played high school golf with seniors Elise and Emily Houtz during her freshman year in high school and through local tournaments because they are also from Kansas.

Misenhelter competed with sophomore Whitney Pyle for years as well. "My God, me and Whitney played in so many tournaments together it's crazy," Misenhelter said. "We went back and forth all the time back in Kansas City, so that was fun." When she and redshirt sophomore Laura Hildebrandt were discussing a tournament, they discovered they had both played in it. At the time, Misenhelter was 6 years old, and Hildebrandt was 10. "You know so many people through golf, and you know so many more people than you think you do," Misenhelter said.

Pyle said while it is different having only one freshman player, Misenhelter is a good, consistent player who adds a lot to the team. Misenhelter has already become close with her teammates, going out to lunch with them and Abbi Sunner, a senior golfer last year; playing with Hildebrandt, who teaches her Canadian songs on the course; and having an older confidant on the team in "Mother Paige" — sophomore Paige Osterloo. Not only has the transition to college golf built strong friendships, it motivated Misenhelter to manage her time and homework more efficiently.

"I've learned when I sit down and study, I sit down and study," Misenhelter said. "I can't get on Facebook; I can't be on my phone constantly. I've got to have that time to myself." When considering where she wanted to play in college, Misenhelter knew she wanted to stay in the Big 12 Conference. At K-State, she said, all the puzzle pieces fit. "It's not too far from home, and this golf course is absolutely beautiful," Misenhelter said. "I love the girls; they're all really nice. Coach [Kristi] Knight's great. It just feels like home to me, and I'm happy I'm here."



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Senior **Antea Huljev** returns a volley in singles play during the tennis match against Kansas University on March 31. K-State won the match 7-0, sweeping KU for the first time in regular season play.

# Tennis players head to Wisc. for their first competition

Danny Davis  
staff writer

Wildcat tennis begins its fall season this weekend. The players will be competing in the Milwaukee Tennis Classic in Milwaukee, Wis. Head coach Steve Bietau said the competition in Milwaukee will give him a look at the new team. He and the team will try different things, he said, like different lineups and doubles pairs. "They've done some good things in practice," Bietau said of the new freshmen. "We have a lot of work to do and a lot of things to develop, but they've worked pretty hard on their conditioning so far." This weekend's matches will be played on a clay surface. On clay, Bietau said, the play is slower and points last longer. The footing also changes on

clay because players slide when they move. Matches played on a clay surface can continue in light rain because the rain does not puddle up, he said. "It's helpful because it changes things; you get to see players in a different setting," he said. "It's a lot of fun for them to play on." Returning for the Wildcats, Antea Huljev is the lone senior on the team. During her junior year, Huljev recorded a 15-21 overall record and a 4-7 record in the Big 12. Three sophomores, who played consistently last season, will also be returning this year. Carmen Borau Ramos posted a 10-16 record last year, Karla Bonacic a 12-15 record, and Ana Gomez Aleman a 11-22 record. Bonacic had a four-match win streak from Mar. 28 to

Apr. 18 during the spring season. Aleman recorded the most victories of any freshman last year. The Wildcats added two international freshmen to its lineup this year. Alina Piotrowski, from Dortmund, Germany, and Petra Niedermayerova, from Brno, Czech Republic, have joined the team. Sarah Snodgrass, from Prairie Village, Kan., also joins the team as a freshman and is the team's only Kansas native. This weekend the team will face Western Michigan, South Carolina and Marquette. Bietau said all the teams will be solid, but based on prior seasons, South Carolina will probably be the toughest competition. "It will provide plenty of good tests for us," he said.



# THE BIG FOUR-0

## McCain Auditorium celebrates 40th anniversary

**Elena Buckner**  
edge editor

Tonight marks an important event for supporters of McCain Auditorium as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of the auditorium. The celebration, called “The Big Four-O,” is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the K-State Student Union, where organizers have planned an evening of dinner and dancing, accompanied by the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium, said the night will celebrate McCain’s importance in both Manhattan and the Flint Hill area.

“For 40 years, we’ve been presenting the best of fine arts experiences and engaging programs,” Holmberg said, adding that many of tonight’s attendees will be “people who have been connected to the success of McCain over several decades.”

Holmberg cited the many famous artists, including Van Cliburn, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Vienna Boys Choir, Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and the Canadian Brass, who have performed at McCain’s annual performance series as a sign of its importance in the community.

“At the time it was designed, the venue was state of the art,” he said. “I’m sure that attracted some of the world’s greatest artists to want to play in a state of the art venue like McCain.”

Holmberg also said the “strong vision” of K-State administration and committees of faculty and community members “ensured that McCain would be hosting artists of the highest artistic standards.”

Becki Ronen, senior in applied music, has been spending time in McCain since her freshman year at K-State and said its impact on students is undeniable. As a music

performance major, Ronen has had classes in McCain each semester of her college career and said some of her best college memories include personal performances on the auditorium stage.

One of McCain’s biggest contributions to K-State each year is its annual performance series, which this year includes acts like Monty Python’s “Spamalot,” a musical comedy, and Nrityagram Dance Ensemble, a classical dance group from India.

“McCain has been the heart of real cultural vibrancy on the campus of K-State and within the Flint Hill region,” Holmberg said. He said he hopes this year’s performance series reflects that vibrancy with its diverse lineup.

Both Ronen and Holmberg said students often have the misconception that the McCain Performance Series caters more toward an older generation; however, both agreed this is not true.

Holmberg said he wants to “dispel the notion that McCain only presents classical music. Classical music is an important but small part of the McCain performance series.”

Ronen agreed and added that students should know “the people in charge of planning the series each year work very hard to ensure that acts can appeal to all generations, as well as any other person who lives in the Manhattan community.”

Tonight’s gala will include speakers who will discuss the importance of McCain at K-State, including President Kirk Schulz. Holmberg will also speak and said he will give a “history of McCain and retrospective of 40 years of graphic art advertisements for McCain performances.”



McCain Auditorium, shown above in 1968, took three years to complete. Construction began October 1967, two years after two music students burned down the old auditorium Jan. 15, 1965.



**Above:** The Minnesota Orchestra plays a dedicatory concert in 1970, the year McCain Auditorium opened. Nearly 60 years earlier, in 1911, the Minnesota Orchestra was the first orchestra other than K-State’s to play in the old auditorium. **Right:** A view of the entire McCain Auditorium building during an empty campus afternoon.



## Chinese student explains life, karaoke love

**Elena Buckner**  
edge editor

*Qian Wang marks the fourth interview of our weekly series on international life and travel featuring K-State students who have experienced studying abroad, and students living and studying in their own countries worldwide. Wang attends Jilin University in Changchun, China, and speaks Mandarin, English and French.*

**Q: What is a typical academic schedule in China?**

There are more than six classes each week. Generally, it takes four years to get a bachelor’s degree and two to three years to get a master’s degree.

**Q: What kind of campus does your school have?**

There are several campuses in my university and each campus has its own researching area. My campus is quite large with the majors of human science and sciences. There are also campuses for medicine, automobiles and archaeology.

**Q: Do most students have cars? What is the most common method of transportation?**

No, most students take the bus as their method of transportation.

**Q: Is there a common “problem” at or around your school or the city (drugs, alcohol, theft)?**

I think, maybe, the common problem is theft, if you are away without your expensive things, such as a cell phone or laptop.



**Qian Wang**, student at Jilin University in Changchun, China, said when she is not attending six classes a week, she enjoys karaoke.

**Q: Do most students live in university housing or find their own accommodation? Does the university offer any sort of meal plan?**

In China, most students live in university dorms. The dining hall is quite big and serves different kinds of food which are cheaper than at the restaurants.

**Q: What do you do on the weekends?**

Stay with my parents and grandparents, or go to KTV [a karaoke bar] to sing with my friends.

**Q: What is the most popular night for drinking and where do people go? What is the most common drink (beer, wine, hard alcohol)?**

Friday or Saturday night. Most people go to restaurants and then KTV. I think beer is the most popular drink for students.

**Q: What is the dating scene like? What is a typical date?**

The most common dating scene is walking around because our campus is very large, or going to a restaurant or to see a movie. A typical

date is: See a movie, eat something, go shopping or to KTV with other friends.

**Q: What do people do for fun without alcohol?**

In China, most girls don’t drink alcohol at all. Students like going to KTV for singing and dancing with friends.

**Q: How common is tobacco use?**

A lot of guys smoke.

**Q: What kind of music do you listen to?**

I like most kinds of music, especially movie music.

**Q: Where is your favorite place to shop?**

Downtown. There is a large area selling all kinds of clothes or other things and you can bargain.

**Q: What is your favorite thing or random fact about your country?**

I like our culture because there are many different areas in China and each one has its own speciality. I like Chinese food a lot.

**Q: How do you feel about your current government?**

It is more open in attitude and cares about common people and the ones in the poor countryside.

**Q: What’s a common stereotype you or your friends have about Americans?**

I think Americans are realists, like eating fried chickens or fast food, and French accents.

## Welcome home to Kansas City

**Alaina Lamphear**  
web editor

Kansas City, Mo. Home to the Chiefs, Wizards, Royals and this weekend, the Wildcats. Being the home team does come with some responsibility, including painting the city purple. To help you do just that, we’ve put together this guide to help you find some great places to celebrate both pre- and post-game.

**Fran’s Restaurant**

Any diehard Wildcat knows that the key to making it through a rough day of tailgating and Wabashing is a good breakfast. Honestly, though, who wants to take time out of their busy “pregaming” schedule to cook? Fran’s, located in the Power and Light District, solves that problem for you. Serving a full menu 24/7, the restaurant also has a full bar starting at 6 a.m., so you can balance the important things in life.

**Rivermarket**

The Kansas City Rivermarket is the oldest incorporated district in the city. This neighborhood offers a mix of shops, ethnic markets, bars and cafés. At the anchor of the Rivermarket is the City Market, which hosts one of the largest open air farmers markets in the Midwest. Open at 6 a.m. on Saturday, it’s a great place to pick up local items for your tailgate while taking in the history that helped make Kansas City what it is today. In addition to the farmers market, you will also find the Steam-

boat Arabia Museum and a special Rivermarket Wine Walk starting at 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Oklahoma Joe’s BBQ**

Kansas City is synonymous with barbecue. Since barbecue and football are the perfect pair, check out the joint famed foodie Anthony Bourdain made one of his “13 Places to Eat Before You Die” in the June 2009 issue of Men’s Health magazine. His recommendations: the burnt ends, pulled pork and ribs.

**Kansas City Royals**

Since you’re already in the neighborhood, why not check out Arrowhead’s neighbor, Kauffman Stadium, home to the Kansas City Royals. Saturday’s game has a 6:10 p.m. start against the Cleveland Indians, so that should leave you plenty of time to hit the parking lot for some more tailgating before heading over to the K and enjoying a little more sports time.

**The Beast and The Edge of Hell**

The fall chill is finally in the air, which means Halloween will be here in a little more than a month. Get prepared for Halloween by checking out downtown Kansas City haunted houses The Beast and The Edge of Hell. Located in the Westbottoms area of the city, prepare to scream until what’s left of your voice is gone.

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# Agronomy 101: farming for kids



Kelly Yunghans, senior in agronomy, talks to elementary school students about crop products at the agronomy farm on Thursday. The Department of Agronomy hosted students from the Manhattan area to educate them on where their food comes from.

## CONSTITUTION | Students learn constitutional law firsthand

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from the time they are in high school, up to law school. Both Standridge and Greene thought mentoring would be the most effective tool in helping the higher courts of future generations become more impartial. Concluding the events Thursday morning and afternoon, a Kansas Court of Appeals heard four appeals cases

dealing with constitutional issues arising from convictions involving drunken driving, sexual abuse and drug charges. After oral arguments of 15 minutes for each case and questions from the bench, the judges allowed questions from the audience, answering questions about the efficacy of oral arguments and the surplus of Ivy League alumni on the U.S. Supreme Court. Though perhaps not seen

through the fluctuating attendance, the events bore witness to the effect the Constitution has had on every American, from its ratification in September 1788 to the present day. As John Fliter, associate professor of political science, said, "The Constitution is obviously a document that has continued to change through the generations, but it still continues to represent Americans."

## SGA | Union's budget to be better monitored

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original intent of the Privilege Fee Committee's agreement. Auditors recommended that the committee meet with the Union administration to discuss ways to clarify the agreement, James said. After the meeting, the committee decided to insert a condition to the agreement stating the Union must use the repair and replacement funds for structures and structural-related equipment. The agreement also states that the Union must consult the committee before spending more than \$30,000. The wording of

that stipulation was clarified in the amendment. The other two amendments primarily contained grammatical and wording changes, he said. In one of them, the wording regarding the calculation of the student privilege fee was simplified. In the updated statute, the method for calculating the amount each student must pay to meet the privilege fee allocations was reworded to reflect more accurately the actual process. All of the bills were introduced at the meeting were held for referral. They will be reviewed during final action of next week's meeting.

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# Ice cream floats, food and fun



**Nathan Spriggs**, sophomore in agriculture economics, pours soda into an ice cream float at the Wildcats Forever social event on Thursday. Wildcats Forever members donned their purple shirts and went to the K-State Alumni Center to get free ice cream and to enter contests.

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# SUPERSTITION | Expenses stretch event budget to limit



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that we are able to control the situation and we stop trying," Fluke said.

"For example, when K-State's basketball team is still in the game against KU, we are prone to try to influence the outcome with our superstitions. But, if late in the fourth quarter, we are down by 20 points, we lose hope in a good outcome; we feel that we can no longer influence the outcome, and thus we begin to behave less superstitiously,"

Even if superstitions do not affect real change, no one on the research team would advise students to give up the routines that provide comfort during times of uncertainty.

"As long as people are being proactive in the situation, they can use superstitions to make themselves feel good," Saucier said. "They are fine as long as they aren't the only things you use."

Because there is little research currently available on superstition, Webster believes it might be necessary to take a deeper look into the behavior.

"I think superstition is pervasive, and research has shown that people's superstitions affect all sorts of behaviors and relationships, from what you do to prepare for an exam to what you buy in a store," Webster said. "There is a lot more to explore."



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